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**DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION** 

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Examiners in Optometry

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Second floor Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED:

# MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Carl Maschauer, Professional Member, President Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member Ruth Banta, Public Member Prameela Kaza, Public Member

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph Senall, O.D.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Maschauer called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Applications by Internship

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Jung Ha Park.

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After review, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Park's application to begin her 6-month internship. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Meredith Cohen.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve Dr. Cohen's application to begin her 6-month internship. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Tarra Boulden.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Boulden's application to begin her 6-month internship. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for Dr. Prachi Pathak.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Maschauer, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve Dr. Prachi's application to begin her 6-month internship contingent upon receiving the balance owed within 30 days. The motion unanimously carried.

# Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Jerry Durnan verifying that Dr. Durnan completed his 6-month internship on 7/28/10.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Durnan's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Alissa Long verifying that Dr. Long had completed her 6-month internship on 7/28/10.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve Dr. Long's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed a letter received from an Optometrist, who was responding to the email/mail that was sent out by the Division of Professional Regulation on behalf of the Board in July, advising Optometrists that they cannot use the term "board certified". This doctor admitted that he had been using the title "board certified" on his business cards, but he had it taken off and is using the new ones. The Board appreciated his honesty; however, no response was required from the Board.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Dr. Maschauer stated that he understood there was a complaint to the Board of Pharmacy regarding an Optometrist that was using an incorrect prescription pad. The doctor immediately resolved the issue and began using the correct pad and the case was closed. He stressed that it is important that doctors use the correct prescription pads.

A few months ago, some candidates were caught cheating on a NBEO exam. The test scores were withheld until the matter could be researched. It was decided that the whole class had to retake the exam. Unsure if any Delaware candidates were in this class.

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# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Joseph Senall was in attendance to observe what transpires at a Board meeting. He was recently appointed to the Board as a professional member by the Governor and will be able to sit on the Board at the following meeting.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 4:30 pm; however, so that all members can attend, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza to change the next meeting to September 29, 2010. The motion unanimously carried.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Lilds

Nancy Fields

Administrative Specialist II